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Capital Area Veterans Day Observance

Set for Saturday, November 7, at Pattengill Middle School

(LANSING) – The City of Lansing, together with the Capital Area Veterans Commission, will sponsor the tenth annual Capital Area Veterans Day observance on Saturday, November 7th at Pattengill Middle School, located at 626 Marshall Street in Lansing.

The event begins with a Benefit Breakfast from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Pattengill café area. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. The Veterans Day Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Pattengill auditorium. The Keynote Speaker is Colonel Timothy Houchlei, Chief of Staff, Michigan Army National Guard. Opening remarks honoring veterans will be given by Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero. Ms. Patrice Green, Executive Director, VFW National Home for Children will offer information about the work of the VFW National Home. Congressman Mike Bishop will speak in a tribute to veterans. Musical performances will be given by Glen Erin Pipe Band, vocalist Mary Black Junttonen and Eastern High School Marching Band.

Among the morning exhibits will be representatives from Michigan Works, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws with a Cause canines and handlers. Wharton Center exhibit will promote “ReEntry,” a play about veterans set for 2016. Other exhibitors include the Ingham County Veterans Affairs, American Legion. In recognition of Vietnam veterans on the **50th Anniversary of the War in Vietnam**, a special exhibit, “*Whip’s Tour*” created by Lansing area Vietnam veteran of the 101st Airborne Division, Mr. Bruce Whipple, will be on display. Acclaimed documentary film, “*Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam*,” screens in the auditorium 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

This marks the sixth consecutive year that the Lansing event has been recognized as a regional site location by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Sheri Jones is 2015 Master of Ceremonies, representing the event media partner WLNS TV 6. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for the Benefit Breakfast, while the ceremonial program begins promptly at 10:30 with massing of the colors.

WHO: Mayor Virg Bernero and the Capital Area Veterans Commission
WHAT: Capital Area Veterans Day Observance
WHERE: Pattengill Middle School, 626 Marshall Street, Lansing
WHEN: **Saturday, Nov. 7th Breakfast & Exhibits 8:30 a.m.**
Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

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